(d) A joint survey has been conducted by NDMC, L & DO and CPWD with a view to removing the encroachments.

Creation of new job opportunities

†758. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are consdering over a plan to create new job opportunities in the urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the additional job opportunities likely to be created under this plan; and

(d) the amount to be spent on its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) (a) to (d) Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities, both in urban and rural areas, during 2002-07. To create employment potential Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme, named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis w.e.f. 1.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor through, firstly, by encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), on all India basis, targets to provide 4,00,000 employment opportunities to the urban poor, through setting up of micro/group enterprises and to impart skill training to 5,00,000 persons have been fixed under SJSRY. The total Tenth Five Year Plan Budget allocation for SJSRY is Rs. 541.00 crore.

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